



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Bank Fraud/ Scams Mark Werning BankOrion



Sept. – Nov. Calendar

Oct 12 - Dennis Harker – Missing Persons Network
Oct 19 - Jessica Gordon – German American Heritage
Oct 24 - World Polio Day
Oct 26 - Dennis Ritter & Curtis Lundy Nehant Marsh
Nov 2 - Kathy Kwiat-Hess – District 6420 Foundation Chair
Nov 9 - Deb Bowen – “Books By Me”
Nov 12 - Rotary Trivia Night
Nov 16 - Cecilia O’Brien – United Way
Nov 23 - Norm Moline – China
Nov 30 - Chad Pregracke – the Bison Bridge

Mark Werning is the Chief Operations Officer at BankORION with many years of operating and audit experience in the banking industry. Mark graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management & Economics from Luther College and attended the Graduate School of Banking at Madison, Wisconsin. Mark is a Certified Community Bank Compliance Officer from ICBA and is a Certified Financial Services Auditor through the Institute of Internal Auditors Inc. Mark is involved in the Quad Cities community through volunteering and is the treasurer of Living Lands and Waters. He has over 40 years of banking experience having served as Senior Vice President – Risk Management at THE National Bank for 12 years, Senior Vice President and COO of Triumph Community Bank for nearly 16 years, COO and Secretary of American Bank & Trust for 3½ years, and Vice President of Landjet, LLC for 14 months prior to accepting his present position with BankOrion in February of 2020. Mark was joined today by Jill Lievens, the Card Services & Fraud Officer at BANKORION.

Mark’s portion of the program was a recounting of actual fraud examples he has dealt with. He led off with a well known general rule, “If it looks too good to be true --- It is!” He gave examples of several bank customers who were convinced they had won something and were scammed into sending money or providing vital private information that allowed others to take money from their accounts. Some were very professional appearing cashiers checks that customers deposited only to later find were fake checks. They had to return the money that had been put into their accounts based on the bad checks even though they had given good money to get the fake checks. Again, if it looks too good to be true, it is! People from foreign countries don’t just randomly decided to name you, who they have never met as an heir to their estate. You don’t win lottery money from a lottery you never entered. People needing to bring money into the United States don’t need your help to do it legally. Forget the stories they tell, if it is legal they don’t need to call you out of the blue for help! Mark also talked about what he called “Sweetheart frauds”. These “romance” frauds usually involve a lonely persons looking for a relationship. The perpetrators are skilled and take their time building an on-line relationship with their intended victim. Eventually there is talk of love and getting together. Then a sudden need for money, often times thousands of dollars comes up and unfortunately the victims, often fully emotionally tied to the scam pro, begin sending money. Unfortunately Mark has found that even when the bank attempts to protect its customers, they are often so convinced that they are in love, that they can’t be stopped from handing their life’s savings over to the con artist. They won’t listen to reason even from close family members.

Jill spoke of electronic banking and finance frauds. She said that with Covid and people desperate for money, the amount of fraud dramatically increased. Here the scammers are looking for a way to either scare a person into sending them money or a way to weasel into the victims accounts. Jill provided some simple rules to keep in mind:

- 1) A legitimate bank or card company will never ask for your full card number. They have it in their files and may ask for just the final few digits to make sure you are who you say you are.
- 2) A legitimate bank or card company will never ask for your PIN number. They don’t want to know it and if you forget your PIN they have no way of looking it up and will have you create a new one. If they ask for your PIN it is fraud!
- 3) A legitimate bank or card company will never ask for your full social security number. Again, they have it on file and may ask for a few of the final digits for identification purposes.
- 4) If you suspect fraud call your financial institution immediately. You have protections, but only if you act promptly.
- 5) Look at your bank statements and online banking statements carefully. If something doesn’t look right, CALL.

Thanks to Mark and Jill for some very helpful hints. It is a shame we have to learn from the misfortunes of others, but the bottom line is, we all need to be vigilant. Don’t let momentary greed cloud your good judgment.



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2021-22

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| Aug-Sept | – Gary Rowe |
| Oct - Nov | – Frank Lambert |
| Dec-Jan | – John Wetzel |
| Feb-Mar | – Kai Swanson/ Dave Hodge |
| Apr-May | – Kathy Trone/ Jeff Rose |

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ❑ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today our club welcomed three visiting Rotarians, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club, Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club, and Laura Kann from the Princeton, IL Club. We also greeted Alleman Jr. Rotarians Tyler Zeman and John Assaf. We love having guests at “The Number One Club”, Rock Island Rotary!
- ❑ **OCTOBER 19th MEETING CANCELLED** – Our October 19th meeting has been cancelled after a poll of members indicated strong support to substitute our October 20th evening Joint World Polio Day meeting as our “official meeting for the week. Your pre-paid Tuesday lunch will be applied against the cost of the Wednesday night dinner. Members can purchase 1 ticket for \$10, additional tickets are \$20. Zoom will be provided for those unable to participate in person.
- ❑ **PUMPKIN PALOOZA** is on October 22nd at the Corn Crib just south of the Quad City Airport on Route 150. Rotarians are needed to help guide the children. Arrive at 9:45am.
- ❑ **HELP NEEDED – AT HEART OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY** Volunteers are needed from 3:30pm to 5:30pm every Thursday to help make up food packages and assist in handing them to needy recipients. It is strictly as drive thru, no contact distribution. Heart of Hope also needs old grocery sacks. They also have a clothing ministry and need donations of clothes. Older or slightly used men’s, women’s, and children’s clothing will be appreciated. This time of year, coats, gloves, and caps, as well as warm pants and shirts/blouses are greatly appreciated. Project chair Steve Morenz will arrange to collect sacks and clothing. Email Steve at smorenz3@gmail.com.
- ❑ **ROTARY SHIRTS!** – If you missed out on ordering a new Club shirt, we would be placing another order this week. **If you have decided you would like a shirt, please let Bob Swanson know asap.** Provide size and whether you want a collared polo or a tee shirt.
- ❑ **NEWSLETTER** – Send items for our newsletter to bobdebswanson@att.net.

BELL RINGING – HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?



Rock Island Rotary is scheduled to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on December 11 at the Rock Island HyVee from 10am until 3pm. We will be covering both doors, so ideally, we need 4 people for each shift. Teams of two work great and you can set up your own team of family members, friends, or fellow club members; or let chairman Mark Mayeski place you with a fellow Rotarian. Please email Mark at mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com to sign up. Shifts will be for 1 hour. You may sign up for more than one shift if you wish, but Mark can only guarantee you one shift, and can only do that until all shifts are full. It’s fun, gratifying, and a great service to our community!

TWO MORE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Foundation Chair Bud Phillis had the pleasure of presenting two Paul Harris Awards to past Club president, Mark Mayeski. Mark named his wife Kimberly's parents as recipients of these honors. Bruce and Susan Chipman are Mark's mother-in-law and father-in-law. In making comments to the Club Mark pointed out the in the past he has honored his daughters and nephews and noted that they can then list themselves as Rotary Paul Harris Fellows on their college and job applications, he suggested all of us with children and grandchildren consider that for our families.



Mark has previously earned his own Paul Harris Fellow award and has bestowed Paul Harris honors on his wife, two daughters, his parents, and three nephews. Bestowing Paul Harris honors on a loved one is a lasting tribute to the honoree and ensures that philanthropic work will continue in their name.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT PAYS US A VISIT



Laura Kann, who will be our District Governor next year stopped by our meeting today to introduce herself and to start getting to know our Club. Mrs. Kann is retired from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia where she was a member of the Dunwoody, Georgia Rotary and was very active there for 14 years and served as as the Dunwoody Club President. When she retired she resigned from the Club to move back to her hometown, Princeton, Illinois in 2018. Prior to leaving she was made an Honorary Member of the Dunwoody Club. She moved to be near her elderly parents who lived in Princeton where she was raised (her father has since passed). She joined the Princeton Club and has been an active member and has also served our District as the District Grant Subcommittee Chair. She is excited to be our next District Governor and appears to have the enthusiasm and energy to have a very successful term. Thanks for visiting!

FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Up for grabs in today's raffle were a Fabric Bowl made by Angela Campbell, a 50/50 cash drawing, and a bottle of wine donated by Anne McGlynn. Holly Sparkman had the first winning ticket and grabbed the bowl. Her luck continued as she also had the 2nd ticket drawn and took the cash. Sue Rector had the 3rd ticket and she generously donated back the wine for next week's drawing. Thanks to all!

FINES & HAPPY/SAD DOLLAR DONATIONS

Although VP Eric said he did not have much, he managed to pull in significant funds today. He first fined himself \$10 for wearing the brightest shirt today. Then Frank Lambert put in \$10 for the Cardinals victories over the Cubs in the final 10 days of the season. Eric added \$10 in celebration of the US winning the Rider Cup and in announcing the United Way Campaign activities of MidAmerican Energy. John Phillips and Holly Sparkman were each fined for appearing in the race results of a recent 5K run. Frank Lambert then stepped up with \$50 to honor his 46th anniversary with Joyce. John Olinger and Sue Rector had happy dollars for Iowa's football victory and John Wetzel, David Parker, and Sue Rector put in dollars for Augustana's homecoming win. Thanks for your good-natured support.

ROTARY BASEBALL CHALLENGE FINAL!

Months ago, Diehard White Sox fan John Phillips issued the challenge for baseball fans to bet on their favorite team. John bet a \$100 donation to our Club's Foundation that his White Sox would finish the regular season with a better record than any other team backed by fellow members. He offered opponent wagers the ability to bet a \$25, \$50, or \$100 donation that their team would have the best record. Fifteen Rotarians accepted John's challenge! The regular season ended on Sunday and the Results are in:

The winner is Duncan Cameron whose Milwaukee Brewers had a final record of 95-67

Those who will be making donations to the Foundation of their choice are:

Chicago White Sox Fans: John Phillips, Bill Stengel, Jim Nordquist, and Kathy Trone 93-69

New York Yankee backer: Doug Hultquist 92-70

Boston Red Sox supporter: James Benson 92-70

St. Louis Cardinal diehard: Frank Lambert 90-72

Kansas City Royal Fan: John Olinger 74-88

Chicago Cub backers: Anne McGlynn, Bob Swanson, Jim Moran, Gary Rowe, Justin Peterson, Molly Shattuck, and Bud Phillis. 71-91 (Can you say, "Rug Pulled Out!")

Thanks to all who participated and are providing needed support for our Foundations!



PUMPKIN PALOOZA 2021!



Pumpkins Palooza 2021 Approaching Fast!

October 22nd is the date and the Corn Crib on Route 150 just south of the Quad City Airport is the place. The time is 10 am -2:15 pm. Rotary volunteers are needed to be on hand to help the kids have fun!

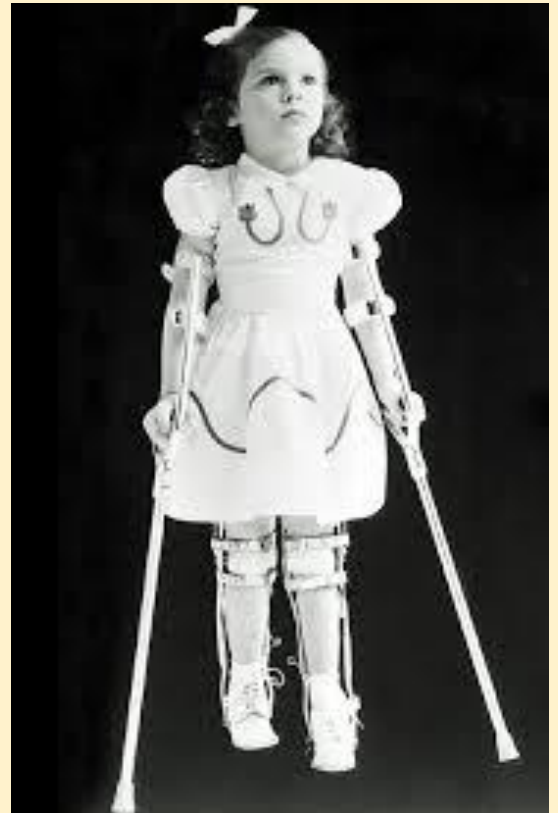
We also hope to put together a goodie bag for each kiddo - any donations of fun kid friendly SWAG would be appreciated. Also, the bags! 54 kids and 5 teachers (if you have any teacher appropriate SWAG-that would be a fun surprise). Please let Sue Rector know at srector3614@gmail.com if you can help or have goodie items.

Joint Quad City Area WORLD POLIO DAY



Rotary Celebration

A gathering of Rotarians from the Quad City area to Celebrate the strides made by Rotary in the fight to eliminate Polio from this earth. Featuring an exciting and informative program and updates on the End Polio Now campaign.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20th

QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER, ROCK ISLAND

6pm Cocktail Social – 7pm Buffet Dinner & Program

Bettendorf, Davenport, East Moline-Silvis, Geneseo, Illinois Quad Cities, Iowa Quad Cities, Moline, North Scott, River Cities, Rock Island, and Twin Rivers RAH Rotary Clubs

Tickets: \$20 (Members with lunch included in dues have \$10 credit toward a ticket)

Rock Island Rotary Literacy Committee Introduces

“Keep them Engaged”

Summer Packs for Earl Hanson School



The Goal: Collect and assemble items in engaging Summer packs for every student at Earl Hanson. There are 300 kids, and we hope to provide options for kids at each grade levels.

We invite all Rock Island Rotarians to assist in this project by donating items throughout the coming 7 months. Each month we will focus on a different item/theme. We invite you to contribute any number of these items to assist in reaching one for each pack. And if you happen to have items you want to get out of your house before the “assigned” month, please feel free to drop them off anytime.

Should you have additional thoughts or alternate items that would be good for this undertaking, please feel free to share ideas with any member of the Literacy Committee.

Items can be dropped off at Rotary meetings. Contact Sue Rector at srector3614@gmail.com or at 563.343.7985 with questions or to make arrangements for pick-up of items.

Thanks so much for your consideration and partnership in this exciting opportunity to bridge the summer months with some engaging fun for Earl Hanson kiddos.

Totes: MidAmerican (Eric Westphall) has generously provided 300 tote bags for packing our Summer Packs

Requests for Items to be included in Summer Packs:

October: Crayons/markers/colored pencils

November: Math/science oriented activities – word games – mind stretching activities

December: construction paper/drawing paper

January: Coloring Books/Puzzle Books/word searches/ crossword puzzles

February: Simple Craft supplies: stickers/beads/yarn/ pipe cleaners/felt, etc.

March: New or gently used books – all ages

April: Sidewalk chalk/bubbles/ other simple games/summer fun – indoors or outdoors

We will assemble and deliver Summer packs in May 2022.

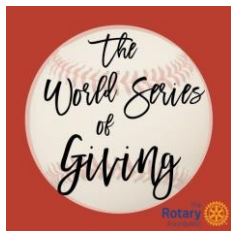
Thanks, from the Rock Island Rotary Literacy Committee:

Sue Rector
Erin Williams
Rebecca Arnold
Holly Sparkman
Molly Shattuck

Amanda DeLaCruz
Angela Campbell
Anne McGlynn
Kathy Lelonek

Mariah Johnson
Mark Poulos

DISTRICT 6420 Rotary Worlds Series of Giving Baseball



Good afternoon again, Rotary baseball fans. We've completed one inning of play and several of our clubs have achieved some major successes so far. The standings by division follow.

Northeast Division – The Pecatonica, Rockford Cherry-Valley East, and Sycamore clubs are on the board with each registering a multi-base hit through the end of September – a Triple for Pecatonica and a Double for each RCVE and Sycamore. But wait, the Kishwaukee Sunrise club led off this first inning with a Home Run! Will they score 2 or more through 9 innings, or will one of the other clubs get hot and overtake them? Stay tuned; this division is on fire.

Mid-Central Division – The Twin Cities club has led off the first inning with a Double; great job TC! Rochelle, on the other hand, hasn't wasted any time pulling out the big guns; they're already on the board with a Home Run. The remaining clubs are getting revved up; look for some real excitement in the upcoming innings from all the M-C clubs.

South-Central Division – The Peru club led off the first inning with a Single. Close behind are Ottawa Sunrise and Marseilles. Right now, it looks like the S-C division race is going to be close, stay tuned.

West-Central Division – The River Cities club is starting off with a bang, scoring a Double in the first inning. Henry is close behind with a Single, with the other clubs just getting started. Like the South-Central, this division looks like it will be a nail-biter going forward.

Western Division – The Western division has the most scoring clubs at the end of one, with East Moline – a Single, Quad Cities and **Rock Island** – both with Doubles, and Savanna – knocking it out of the park with a Home Run. All this after just one inning of play! This division is already red hot; don't miss a minute of the action. That's all for now; the Foundation teams are warming up for the second inning. Don't miss a minute of the action!

OCTOBER ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Not many, but the quality is superb!

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| Jeremy Steiner | October | 3 |
| Steve Morenz | October | 8 |
| Mike Thoms | October | 26 |
| Sam Doak | October | 27 |



SAVE THE DATE



Rock Island Rotary TRIVIA NIGHT Friday, November 12th at 6:30pm

SAVE the DATE and get your team together for Rock Island Rotary's annual fundraiser! Cash prizes, cash bar, 50/50, silent auction and TONS of FUN with MR. TRIVIA!!!

This fundraiser supports Earl Hanson Elementary School and RI Rotary Community Grants.
Corporate Sponsorships are available!

When: Friday, November 12th, 2021

Where: Milan Community Center, 2701 1st Street East, Milan

Time: 6:30pm START time, doors open at 5:45pm

Cost: \$100 a table, up to 10 players

RSVP: Kathy Trone 309 -794 -9400 or Kathy@wesselspc.com

The Rock Island Rotary Club is challenging all other Rotary Clubs in the QC Area to participate and TRY to win the "Traveling Trophy" for the SMARTEST ROTARY CLUB!

Rock Island Rotary TRIVIA NIGHT

Proceeds benefit Rock Island Rotary Youth Programs

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Gold Sponsor \$500

- Listed on all advertising material
- Complimentary Table for up to 10 players, including mulligans and double score sticker
- Day of event recognition as a Gold Sponsor

Corporate Sponsor \$250

- Complimentary Table for up to 10 players
- Day of event recognition as a Corporate Sponsor

Friend of Rotary \$100

- Day of event recognition as a Friend of Rotary



SAVE THE DATE

ROTARY REINDEER RAMBLE



SUNDAY

December 5, 2021

9:00AM

START & FINISH – CIRCA 21, 1828 3rd Ave, Rock Island, IL 61201

COURSE - Flat & Fast, scenic, accurate, wheeled distance.

SHIRTS - Size guaranteed to pre-registered runners and walkers

RUNNER'S AWARDS-- Overall male and female 3 awards per ages 0-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+

WALKER'S AWARDS-- Overall male and female, 3 awards per age groups 0-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+ ALL THIS PLUS GREAT FOOD & DRINK!

REGISTER ONLINE - GETMEREGISTERED.COM/ROTARYREINDEERRAMBLE

REGISTRATION FEES – Pre-registered, postmarked not later than 11-20-20 \$25.00

Rotary members \$23.00

After Nov 20, \$30.00 for all!

PACKET PICKUP & REGISTRATION 7:30AM to 8:45AM RACE DAY

GRAND PRIZE! GIFT CERTIFICATE for two for CIRCA 21. for pre-registered runners only!
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN! NO EXCEPTIONS!

If you have questions call Dick or Mary Fislar at 309-788-0500 or e-mail
cruisemaster18@yahoo.com

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM (MAY BE DUPLICATED) PLEASE PRINT!!!

First name _____ Mid _____ Last Name _____

Age race day _____ Date of birth ____/____/____ Male _____ Female _____ Run _____ Walk _____

Circle shirt size S M L XL XXL (ADD \$2.00 for XXL) Phone ____/____/____

No shirt option _____ deduct \$5.00 if you choose no shirt!

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

WAIVER (MUST BE SIGNED) In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I for myself, my executors, administrators, and assignees, do hereby release and discharge Rock Island Rotary, the City of Rock Island, any sponsors, supporters, or volunteers, for all claims of damages, demands, actions whatsoever in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in the ROTARY REINDEER RAMBLE 5K Run or Walk. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event, am physically fit, and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Participant, or Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ROCK ISLAND ROTARY Mail entry and payment to ROTARY, P.O. Box 4271, Rock Island, IL 61201. NO REFUNDS RACE WILL BE HELD REGARDLESS!

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY
HOLIDAY PARTY 2021

The Magic of an Old-Fashioned Holiday at CIRCA 21



Rated: PG
Area Premiere!

Wednesday
December 8th

In this heartwarming new musical, a dad's wish to celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas leads him and his family on a magical journey to another time where he learns that while remembering the past is important, the best way to hold on to tradition is to enjoy the Christmas present! This one-of-a-kind show, written for Circa '21 by longtime Bootlegger Brad Hauskins, is a nostalgic celebration of family that will leave you filled with the peace and joy of the holidays.

****Rotary and Kiwanis have 75 seats which will be sold on a first come basis to Club members and their guests. No money needed until November, But you must sign up now to reserve your seats! Make your reservation at the Sergeant at Arms table this week!**

Tickets include a private pre-show Salon Party

Pre-Show Salon Party with Complimentary Hoers Devours and Cash Bar (5:00-6pm)

Buffet Dinner (5:45-7:00pm)

Bootleggers Warm-up Show (7:15pm)

Winter Wonderland (7:30pm)

TWO WITH DINING BOOK COUPON \$67.21*

ONE ADMISSION (NO COUPON) \$52.75

TWO ADMISSIONS (NO COUPON) \$105.50

*Tip included (not including deserts & bar)

Circa Subscriber? Pay Just \$3.50 per person for gratuity